



**Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission**  
**SHSP Action Team Name: Motorcycle Safety Action Team Meeting**  
**Location: Horatio Earle Building, Lake Michigan Room**  
**Date: Thursday September 15, 2016**  
**Time: 9:00am-12:00pm**

<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Chad Teachout	MDOS
Joe Kelly	MDOS
Emily Shinevar	MDOS
Deb Parinello	ASMI-EMS
Steve Berkemeier	MDOS
Dan Petterson	SMARTER
Vince Consiglio	ABATE of Michigan and Schoolcraft College
Eric Line	MDOT
Jason Hamblen	OHSP
Bill Scarnati	Lansing Community College
Lisa Cook-Gordon	Nathan Bower Campaign; Michiganfamilyvoices.org

<b>Agenda Item: Introductions</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New member from MSP Office of Highway Safety Planning – Jason Hamblen</li> <li>Additional attendee came in late – Lisa Cook-Gordon</li> </ul>
<b>Action:</b> N/A

<b>Agenda Item: NHTSA Assessment Report (Chad Teachout)</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of assessment as handout, was emailed to action team on August 19, 2016.</li> <li>Start with Summary of Major Recommendations on page 6.</li> <li>Biographies of assessment team members starting on page 65 of the report; they do not work for NHTSA but are motorcycle “experts” from around the country.</li> <li>Thoughts and ideas from this report to add to the action plan.</li> <li>Discussed doing a statistical sampling of skills test and knowledge tests at the branch, but motorcycle tests are all still manual, scores aren’t recorded and if passed receive TIP (this data may erase from driving record).</li> <li>Referenced Peter Savolainen 2007 study Indiana’s motorcyclist effectiveness of their 2005 training program and crashes; found that people who received training would be more likely to be in a crash.</li> <li>Chad plans to assemble MDOS internal team to create a strategic plan and work on some of the recommendations.</li> <li>Issues with reducing the age of the motorcycle fleet (still working project); will continue to use the bid process and federal grant funds. Topic of allowing sponsors to purchase bikes on their own for cheaper costs something to look into.</li> <li>Topic regarding skills test examiners may call for more oversight than necessary. Similar to the motorcycle program QAVs, the MDOS Driver Testing Section conducts observations and inspections of all skills test organizations on a regular basis but not all of the examiners.</li> <li>REMS software or MSF program is under serious consideration for digitizing training system, possibly in 2018 under federal funding.</li> <li>May be able to reach out to Wayne State University for assistance with crash data analysis if UMTRI cannot assist.</li> <li>Chad had started a conversation with Scott Elis to post information in bars about motorcyclists and impaired riding.</li> <li>Eric discussed topics of guard rails and seam seals. Reminder that MDOT is only responsible for state roads and cannot control county or city road commissions procedures. May need to continue to reach out to local road commissions to join this action team.</li> <li>MDOS looking at a RiderCoach work shirt to promote high-visibility gear. Question about giving directive to RiderCoaches to wear high-viz gear and give examples. Need to have consistency for gear worn across the state. Some programs may already provide shirts and have a program identity. May risk losing some RiderCoaches if a specific shirt is required.</li> </ul>

**Action: MDOS will develop an internal working team to work on report recommendations. MDOS will research options for allowing sponsors to purchase training motorcycles on their own with grant funding.**

**Agenda Item: Action Plan Update**

**Discussion:**

- Deadline for update is past due.
- Topic not discussed.

**Action: N/A**

**Agenda Item: Session Topics for the 2017 Traffic Safety Summit**

**Discussion:**

- Traffic Safety Summit held March 21-23, 2017 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing
- Topic not discussed.

**Action: N/A**

**Agenda Item: Action Team Chairs**

**Discussion:**

- Topic not discussed.

**Action: N/A**

**Agenda Item: Other Updates/Topics**

- RiderCoach recruitment, explore ideas about ad on MDOS hold line and at branch offices, also MDOS can create list by site of how many coaches needed then analyze and provide assistance
- Putting RiderCoach recruitment brochure in branch and out as much as possible
- Create ad for MVN, RiderCoach brochure by mid-winter
- Brief discussion on the depletion of the Motorcycle Safety Fund, motorcycles are exempt from new registration fee increase, possibly focus on endorsement fees
- Federal agencies now pushing for states to use "Share the Road" for promotion
- Discussed research and evidence on effectiveness of awareness signs
- Discussed what causes the high profile crashes we've seen in Michigan recently
- Current curriculum is good, but knowledge and skills test need to be more difficult.
- Discussed processes for range approval, between MDOS inspections and MSF
- Discussed the QAV system through MSF and potential changes in FY2017
- Demand is increasing for 3-wheel training in Michigan. MDOS is planning to do 3-wheel coach prep in FY2017.
- ARC training will happen in FY2017 as well. Coach certification is in beginning planning stages.
- Jason talked some about traffic safety crisis happening right now, which makes it difficult to enforce specific topics like motorcyclist awareness.

**Action: MDOS will explore more ways to advertise RiderCoach recruitment.**

**Future Meeting Dates**

- Thursday, January 19, 2017
- Thursday, May 18, 2017
- Thursday, September 14, 2017

**The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit is March 21 – 23, 2017 @ the Kellogg Center in East Lansing**